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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. TOPIC Merseburg AirfieldEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 15 June 1954 640153 25X1

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

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1. About 11 a.m. on 17 May 1954, 7 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s individually took off from Merseburg airfield and subsequently assembled in 2 formations of 3s and 4s while flying a bank. The aircraft headed east and by 6 p.m. had not been seen landing at the field. After the departure of the MiG-15s, 1 twin-engine aircraft, 1 single-engine low-wing monoplane and 1 biplane were observed outside of the closed hangars. The twin-engine aircraft and the single-engine aircraft took off about 1 p.m. and headed east. As of 6 p.m., they had not returned to the field. About 1:15 p.m., a biplane made a flight in the vicinity of the field and then landed again. At 2 p.m. on 18 May, a single-engine aircraft and a biplane 25X1
 were parked at the field. The two aircraft took off during the afternoon and 25X1
were not seen returning up to 6 p.m.

2. On 17 and 18 May, a Token-type radar set was located at the northern edge of the field. The set was repeatedly in operation on 18 May. Large quantities of construction timber arrived at the field. The quartering buildings on Lauchstaetter Strasse east of the field were occupied by air force personnel, by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and by signal soldiers wearing signal insignia. 1

3. Vehicular traffic at the field involved trucks 25X1
 and sedan 2 25X1

1. Comment. 25X1
 It is believed that at least some of the MiG-15s stationed at Merseburg airfield are temporarily absent. Their present location is not known. 25X1

2. Comment. 25X1
 During the period under review, there was probably a closer connection than previously between the fighter corps headquarters at Wittenberg and Merseburg airfield. 25X1

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